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Payroll Employment Increases in Metropolitan Areas During November

JEFFERSON CITY _ Payroll employment increased seasonally in most of Missouri's metropolitan areas in November as retail stores ramped up for the holiday season and schools reached peak employment for the fall semester.

The largest increase was in the St. Louis metropolitan area which added 6,400 jobs. Retail trade employment was up by 5,700 jobs including substantial gains in general merchandise and clothing stores. Health care and social assistance added 1,100 jobs while local government grew by 1,000, mostly in the public schools.

Employment increased by 2,000 jobs in the Kansas City metropolitan area with significant gains in retail trade and local government. Meanwhile, the Columbia metropolitan area saw an increase of 700 jobs; Joplin employment grew by 300 jobs; Jefferson City gained 200 jobs while St. Joseph added 100 jobs. Springfield saw employment drop by 100 jobs with small gains in retail trade and government that were offset by decreases in construction, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality.

Statewide, Missouri payrolls grew by 3,500 jobs in November, bringing to total 28,100 new jobs created since January.

During the past year, employment grew in all of Missouri's metropolitan areas. St. Louis saw the largest employment increase by gaining 8,400 jobs or 0.6 percent while Columbia had the largest percentage increase at 2.7 percent or 2,400 jobs. Kansas City added 5,300 jobs, Springfield added 2,900 jobs, St. Joseph added 800 jobs, Joplin added 400 jobs and Jefferson City added 200 jobs.

Over the past year, St. Louis employment increased by 3,800 jobs in health care and social assistance and by 2,300 in durable goods manufacturing. Kansas City employment growth included 4,400 jobs in natural resources, mining and construction. Private service-providing industries experienced strong growth in Columbia, Jefferson City and Springfield.

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Government employment was generally weak, with state government employment down in Jefferson City and both state and local government employment decreasing in St. Louis. However, local government (including public schools) increased in Joplin, St. Joseph and Springfield.

Unemployment increased in all areas of the state in November, paralleling the increase in Missouri's figure of six-tenths of a point to 5.6 percent. Among metropolitan areas, Kansas City had the highest rate at 5.6 percent while Columbia's 3.5 percent was the lowest rate. St. Joseph experienced the largest increase: 0.9 percentage point with the other metropolitan rates increasing by 0.5 to 0.7 percent.

Micropolitan area rates ranged from 3.3 in Maryville to 7.7 in Kennett. For counties, the lowest rates were 3.3 in Nodaway, 3.5 in Boone and Knox, 3.6 in McDonald, 3.8 in Christian, and 3.9 in Scotland and St. Charles. The highest county rate was 8.7 percent in Linn, followed by 8.5 in Pemiscot, 8.3 in St. Louis City, and 8.1 in Reynolds and Washington counties.

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MISSOURI UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
FOR METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND SINGLE-COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMAs)
CURRENT MONTH (NOVEMBER 2005), PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS (SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2005), AND YEAR AGO (NOVEMBER 2004)

	NOV 2005	OCT 2005	SEP 2005	NOV 2004		NOV 2005	OCT 2005	SEP 2005	NOV 2004
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U.S. (not seasonally adjusted)	4.8	4.6	4.8	5.2	MEXICO (Audrain Co.)	5.4	4.7	4.9	5.4
MISSOURI	5.3	4.5	4.6	5.4	MOBERLY (Randolph Co.)	4.9	4.1	4.1	5.1
<u>METROPOLITAN AREAS</u>					POPLAR BLUFF (Butler Co.)	5.5	4.6	4.5	5.2
COLUMBIA MSA	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.5	ROLLA (Phelps Co.)	4.2	3.5	3.4	4.0
Boone	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.5	SEDALIA (Pettis Co.)	5.6	4.7	4.9	5.7
Howard	4.2	3.3	3.3	4.5	SIKESTON (Scott Co.)	5.7	4.8	5.0	6.3
JEFFERSON CITY MSA	4.2	3.5	3.6	4.0	WARRENSBURG (Johnson Co.)	4.6	3.9	3.9	4.5
Callaway	4.2	3.6	3.6	4.5	WEST PLAINS (Howell Co.)	5.0	4.3	4.4	5.0
Cole	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.8	QUINCY (MO PT - Lewis Co.)	4.5	3.8	4.2	4.3
Moniteau	4.6	3.7	3.8	4.0	KEOKUK (MO PT - Clark Co.)	5.3	4.2	5.1	5.1
Osage	4.5	3.9	3.9	3.8	<u>SINGLE COUNTY LMAs</u>				
JOPLIN MSA	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.8	Atchison	4.5	3.7	3.7	4.8
Jasper	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.6	Barry	5.1	4.1	4.1	5.3
Newton	4.8	4.2	4.1	5.0	Barton	4.9	4.1	4.0	4.7
KANSAS CITY MSA	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.7	Benton	6.0	4.5	4.6	5.7
KANSAS CITY MSA (MO PT)	5.8	5.0	5.2	5.9	Camden	5.7	4.3	3.9	5.6
Bates	5.9	4.8	5.6	6.8	Carroll	5.2	4.0	4.4	5.3
Caldwell	5.6	4.3	5.2	5.6	Carter	6.1	4.6	4.7	6.5
Cass	4.9	4.2	4.4	4.9	Cedar	5.8	4.7	4.7	5.8
Clay	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.5	Chariton	5.8	5.0	5.3	5.7
Clinton	5.0	4.1	4.4	5.4	Cooper	4.4	3.6	3.8	4.7
Jackson	6.5	5.7	5.9	6.7	Crawford	6.4	5.1	5.1	6.1
Lafayette	5.2	4.3	4.5	5.1	Dade	5.6	4.7	4.6	4.9
Platte	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.2	Daviess	4.4	4.0	3.8	4.4
Ray	4.9	4.1	4.3	5.5	Dent	6.8	5.5	5.5	6.5
ST. JOSEPH MSA	5.5	4.6	4.8	6.0	Douglas	5.7	4.7	4.7	5.5
ST. JOSEPH MSA (MO PT)	5.4	4.6	4.7	6.0	Gasconade	5.5	4.5	4.3	5.8
Andrew	4.5	3.7	3.8	5.1	Gentry	4.8	3.7	4.0	4.0
Buchanan	5.6	4.8	5.0	6.3	Grundy	5.2	4.6	4.3	5.3
DeKalb	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.9	Harrison	5.2	4.1	4.1	4.6
ST. LOUIS MSA	5.3	4.8	4.9	5.8	Henry	5.9	5.0	5.0	6.2
ST. LOUIS MSA (MO PT)	5.3	4.6	4.8	5.7	Hickory	7.3	6.1	6.2	7.6
Franklin	5.2	4.2	4.4	5.4	Holt	4.2	3.4	3.4	4.2
Jefferson	5.0	4.2	4.5	5.3	Iron	7.1	6.2	6.2	8.0
Lincoln	4.6	4.0	4.3	5.3	Knox	3.5	3.1	2.9	3.5
St. Charles	3.9	3.6	3.5	4.0	Lawrence	4.4	3.8	3.9	4.4
St. Louis Co.	5.1	4.4	4.6	5.3	Linn	8.7	8.2	9.0	8.3
Warren	5.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	Livingston	4.9	4.1	4.1	4.7
Washington	8.1	6.9	7.4	8.4	Macon	4.6	3.9	4.0	5.1
St. Louis City	8.3	7.3	7.7	9.1	Madison	6.2	5.6	5.8	5.7
SPRINGFIELD MSA	4.3	3.6	3.6	4.2	Maries	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.2
Christian	3.8	3.2	3.3	3.8	Mercer	4.4	3.5	3.7	4.3
Dallas	5.5	4.6	4.1	5.6	Miller	5.9	4.5	4.3	5.9
Greene	4.3	3.6	3.6	4.2	Mississippi	6.8	5.8	5.8	7.7
Polk	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.4	Monroe	5.2	4.2	4.4	5.5
Webster	4.5	3.8	3.9	4.6	Montgomery	5.4	4.5	4.8	6.1
FAYETTEVILLE MSA (MO PT - McDonald Co)	3.6	3.4	4.3	4.3	Morgan	6.3	4.9	5.1	6.1
<u>MICROPOLITAN AREAS</u>					New Madrid	7.5	6.0	6.4	7.4
BRANSON	5.7	4.6	4.6	6.1	Oregon	5.5	4.8	5.1	5.2
Stone	6.4	4.9	4.7	6.7	Ozark	5.9	4.8	4.5	5.6
Taney	5.2	4.4	4.5	5.7	Pemiscot	8.5	6.8	7.2	7.9
CAPE GIRARDEAU	4.8	4.2	4.3	4.8	Perry	4.0	3.4	3.5	4.0
CAPE GIRARDEAU (MO PT)	4.6	3.9	4.0	4.5	Pike	5.0	4.3	4.4	5.5
Bollinger	5.9	4.9	5.0	5.7	Putnam	5.0	4.2	4.2	4.4
Cape Girardeau	4.4	3.8	3.9	4.3	Reynolds	8.1	6.4	5.9	8.2
FARMINGTON (St. Francois Co.)	6.3	5.4	5.2	6.8	Ripley	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.7
FT. LEONARD WOOD (Pulaski Co.)	5.1	4.3	4.1	5.2	St. Clair	5.3	4.6	4.3	5.6
HANNIBAL	5.1	4.3	4.4	5.4	Ste. Genevieve	5.3	4.5	4.6	5.5
Marion	5.1	4.4	4.4	5.2	Scotland	3.9	3.3	2.8	3.6
Ralls	5.1	4.1	4.4	5.9	Shannon	7.8	6.1	5.6	8.7
KENNETT (Dunklin Co.)	7.7	6.2	6.5	6.9	Shelby	4.8	3.9	4.1	5.0
KIRKSVILLE	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.1	Stoddard	5.7	4.6	4.8	6.0
Adair	4.1	3.4	3.6	4.0	Sullivan	6.1	5.1	4.9	5.6
Schuyler	5.9	5.0	4.3	5.0	Texas	6.6	5.1	5.5	6.6
LEBANON (Laclede Co.)	6.0	4.7	4.8	6.8	Vernon	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.9
MARSHALL (Saline Co.)	5.1	4.1	4.3	4.9	Wayne	7.2	5.9	5.8	7.2
MARYVILLE (Nodaway Co.)	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.3	Worth	4.3	3.1	3.2	3.7
					Wright	6.4	5.5	5.7	6.4